

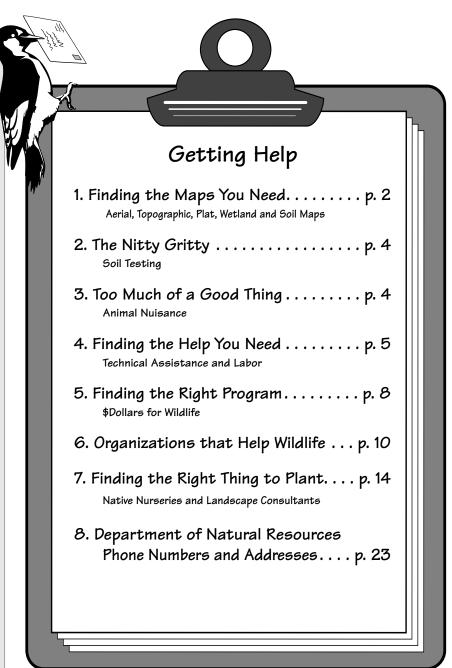
a series about managing your land for wildlife

Getting the Help You Need

People and Dollars for Wildlife

Where did I put that phone number? Who should I call? Where can I get the maps I need? To make your job easier, we've compiled a list of the phone numbers, addresses and web sites of the most common organizations that can help you manage your land for wildlife. Keep this reference guide near the phone and add your own references as you find them. Often, these can be neighbors that have done something similar on their property. Ask around; you'll be amazed at the wealth of knowledge just outside your door.

This publication is divided into the sections shown on our clipboard. Some sections will apply to you, others will not. Simply use the sections you need. To help you find the resources that apply to your property, most sections are organized by wildlife or habitat type. Enjoy.



Finding the Maps You Need

Good maps are essential for any habitat project. This guide will help you find the maps you need, and maybe a few more of further interest. Maps are great ways to learn about the diversity of the land around you, so don't skimp on this crucial first step. The time and small amount of money you spend now will pay off later. For those of you on a very tight budget, many local governments will photocopy maps for a nominal fee. Also, don't overlook local libraries for a source of maps. Call ahead to find out what your library offers. More than likely, you'll discover more than you expected.

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Topographic Maps

Topographic maps show landscape relief in great detail: hills, wetlands, glacial features, rivers, lakes, and more. If you want to fully understand your property and surrounding region, a topographic map is essential. For a free catalog and/or index to statewide topo maps, contact:

Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey Maps Sales 3817 Mineral Point Road Madison WI 53705 608-263-7389 FAX: 608-262-8086

Phone orders are accepted with MasterCard or Visa. Check with your city or county government. Many sell local quadrangles. Your local library may also have maps that you can photocopy.

U. S. Geological Survey topographic maps are also available for viewing or can be downloaded in digital form for any area in Wisconsin: www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/at/ et/geo/data/drg.html

Soil Survey Maps

Most Wisconsin counties have a detailed Soil Survey. The survey reports and maps can tell you the characteristics of the soils on your property and region, and the uses that best suit those soils. Most counties provide these published soil surveys for free or charge a nominal fee. To get one, contact the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in your county at www.statelab.iastate.edu/soils/index.html

Information about available
Wisconsin soil survey, reports,
maps and data is available from
the U. S. Department of
Agriculture, Natural Resources
Conservation Service (NRCS) at
www.wi.nrcs.usda.gov/soil/soils.asp

Wisconsin Wetland Inventory

All Wisconsin wetlands have been mapped. Paper copies of Wisconsin Wetland Inventory maps are at a 1" = 2,000' scale. Each 24" × 24" map covers one Public Land /Survey System Township (36 square miles). Statewide coverage is available. Order forms are available at all DNR and local zoning offices, or by contacting:

Wisconsin DNR Bureau of Fisheries Management and Habitat Protection–FH3 101 South Webster Street P. O. Box 7921 Madison WI 53707-7921 608-266-8852 Maps cost \$5.00 each, plus postage and 5 1/2% sales tax for Wisconsin residents. Payment must accompany orders.

Plat Maps

County plat maps show property boundaries and ownership by township. If you are wondering who owns what in your area, these are the maps to get. Most UW–Extension, county, and city government offices sell plat maps. You can also order plat maps from:

Rockford Map Publishers, Inc. P. O. Box 6126 Rockford IL 61125 1-800-321-1627

Aerial Photography

The Wisconsin Catalog of Aerial Photography is a comprehensive listing of aerial photos available from federal, state and local agencies. The Catalog is maintained by the Wisconsin State

Cartographer's Office (SCO), and can be viewed on the SCO website: feature.geography.wisc.edu/sco/ aerial sat/wicap/aerial.htm

Aerial photos will help you create a base map or plan a timber harvest. One stereo set of photographs and a photo index map is located in local DNR forestry offices. If you wish to see aerial photo coverage of a parcel, you can view photographs and photo index maps by contacting the local DNR forestry office in the county where the land is located. To order a set, you will need the town, range and section of your property. Forms are available at most DNR offices, or by calling or writing to:

Aerial Maps DNR–Bureau of Forestry Box 7921 Madison WI 53707 608-267-7494

Zoning and Local Land Use

If you're planning a building project or are wondering whether your property will one day be surrounded by subdevelopment, check with the local zoning office in your community or county seat. They'll be able to tell you of changes to local plans so that you can plan accordingly.

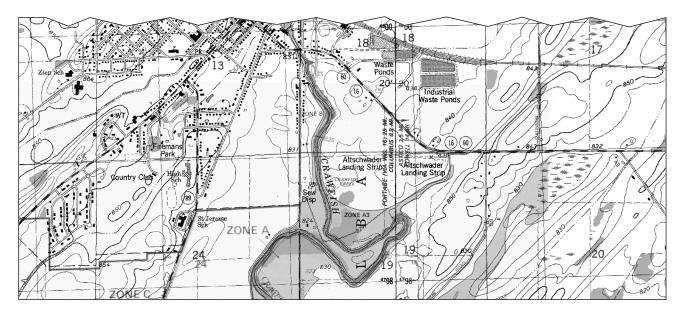
Planning for the Future the Smart Way

If you care deeply about wildlife and wild places and are concerned about their future, you have a unique opportunity in these next few years to get involved in land use planning efforts at your local level. You can help wildlife by making sure your community protects or enhances the wild places on which wild animals depend.

What is this unique opportunity? A new law commonly referred to as "smart growth," requires that all towns, villages, and cities in Wisconsin make all their land use decisions in accordance with a Comprehensive Plan. These plans must be completed by 2010.

So where do you begin? The first step you can take is to contact your local governmental leaders to find out who is on your Comprehensive Plan Committee. Go to your town board meeting or to your county courthouse. Ask how you can get involved with the planning effort. Volunteer to be on the Comprehensive Planning Committee. There may be committees at various levels (your town and your county).

Maps are an important first step in helping you develop a wildlife management plan for your property.



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Soil Testing

Most garden centers and county UW-Extension offices offer soil testing services, or you can contact the Soil and Plant Analysis Lab directly. For a small fee, the lab tells you the pH, organic matter, phosphorus and potassium content of your sample, and includes recommendations for lime and fertilizer applications. The lab will send you instructions on how to take a good sample, and a small bag for you to put the sample in. Just write or call them and they'll send you a kit.

Soil and Plant Analysis Lab

5711 Mineral Point Road Madison WI 53705 608-262-4364

Too Much of Good Thing

Animal Damage and Nuisance

Too much of a good thing can wreak havoc on your home, crops, and garden. If deer, rodents or other animals are making your life miserable, contact the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Animal Damage Control. In southern Wisconsin, call the Waupun office at 920-324-4514 or 1-800-433-0663; in the north, call the Rhinelander office at 715-369-5221 or 1-800-228-1368. For a small fee, you can order the following publications from Cooperative Extension Publications, 45 North Charter Street, Madison WI 53715. Call 608-262-3346 to order a free catalog or to place a phone order. Phone orders are acceptable with MasterCard or Visa. Web site: www1.uwex.edu/ces/pubs/



Bats: Information for Wisconsin Homeowners	Pub. No. G3096
Bear Damage and Abatement in Wisconsin	Pub. No. G3300
Canada Geese: Crop Damage	Pub. No. G3096
Controlling Deer Damage in Wisconsin	Pub. No. G3083
Controlling Woodpecker Damage	Pub. No. G3117
Ground Squirrels: Their Ecology and Control	Pub. No. G3238
Meadow Mouse Control	Pub. No. G2148
Mole Control	Pub. No. G3200
Protecting Gardens and Landscape Plantings from Rabbits	Pub. No. G1654
The Raccoon	Pub. No. G3304
Skunks: How to Deal with Them	Pub. No. G3273
Snakes of Wisconsin	Pub. No. G3139
Tree Squirrels in Wisconsin: Benefits and Problems	Pub. No. G3522
Woodchucks: Their Ecology and Control	Pub. No. G3505

Finding the Help You Need

Technical Assistance and Labor

What follows is a comprehensive list of public and private assistance available to private landowners. Don't be shy about contacting these agencies, organizations and individuals. All are listed with permission.

Land Conservation Departments (LCDs)

For most people, this is the first place to go with management questions. LCDs provide conservation planning, cost-share programs, and technical assistance for a variety of soil and water resources. Cost-share programs vary from county to county. There is an LCD located in every county seat in Wisconsin.

University of Wisconsin-Extension

Provides soil testing, publications, workshops and field days on a variety of topics. This is also a good place to start seeking information. Every county seat has an extension office.

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

Provides assistance with grassland and wetland restoration, wildlife management programs for private lands, forestry management programs, waterways management, and more. There are DNR wildlife managers and foresters assigned to each county in Wisconsin. Contact the DNR office closest to you for more information (see chart in this publication on page 23). The more specific you can be about your needs, the easier it will be to find the right person.

Private Consultants

Provide site planning and technical assistance for timber harvests, wetland and prairie restorations, and much more. Check your local yellow pages or check out the list under *Native Nurseries and Landscape Consultants* in this publication. Many of the listed nurseries provide planning services. To get a list of private forestry consultants, contact:

DNR–Bureau of Forestry Box 7921 Madison WI 53707 608-267-7494 FAX: 608-264-6277

Conservation Clubs

Provide advice, labor, and sometimes more. Do not overlook experienced, responsible sportsmen and sportswomen who belong to hundreds of conservation clubs statewide. Clubs may already be involved in a wildlife habitat project in your area, or may be interested in doing more with private landowners. Contact your local DNR wildlife manager for more information (see chart in this publication on page 23).



- ✓ University of Wisconsin Extension
- ✓ Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
- ✓ Private Consultants
- ✓ Conservation Clubs
- ✓ Wildlife Organizations
- ✓ Youth Clubs

Wildlife Organizations

Provide assistance and/or information about managing a particular habitat or animal. A variety of wildlife organizations are listed in this publication, starting on page 10. Some are very active with private landowners. Contact the organization of your choice for details.

Youth Clubs

Many 4-H clubs have wildlife interest groups that may be interested in helping you with your project. For information on 4-H clubs, call the UW-Extension office located in your county seat. Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts have badge and service requirements that can involve conservation and wildlife habitat development projects. For information on Girl Scout or Boy Scout volunteers, contact the council nearest you (see chart on next page). Be sure to call well in advance of the time you need a project completed if you are interested in working with youth.

Girl Scout Councils =

www.girlscouts.org

Badger Council of Girl Scouts

1201 Big Hill Court Beloit WI 53511 608-362-8922 1-800-362-3226 FAX: 608-362-4084

Birch Trails Girls Scout Council

P. O. Box 290 Schofield WI 54476 715-355-9850 FAX: 715-355-0250

Black Hawk Council of Girl Scouts

2710 Ski Lane Madison WI 53713 608-276-8500 FAX: 608-276-9160

Fox River Area Girl Scout Council

925 West Northland Avenue Appleton WI 54914-1422 920-734-4559 FAX: 920-734-1304

Girl Scouts of the Milwaukee Area

P. O. Box 14999 131 South 69th Street Milwaukee WI 53214-0999 414-476-1050 FAX: 414-476-5958

Girl Scouts of Racine County

6240 Bankers Road Racine WI 53403-9785 262-598-0909 FAX: 262-598-0898

Great Blue Heron Girl Scouts

P. O. Box 1510 Waukesha WI 53187-1510 262-544-8777 FAX: 262-544-8770

Indian Waters Girl Scout Council

422 Oakwood Hills Parkway Eau Claire WI 54701 715-835-5331 FAX: 715-835-2768

Lac-Baie Girl Scout Council

P. O. Box 9456 2430 Finger Road Green Bay WI 54308-9456 920-469-4860 FAX: 920-469-4866 1-800-236-4475

Manitou Girl Scout Council

5212 Windward Court Sheboygan WI 53083 920-565-4575 FAX: 920-565-4583

Riverland Girl Scout Council

2710 Quarry Road LaCrosse WI 54601-3981 608-784-3693 800-78-SCOUT FAX: 608-784-3613

Woodland Girl Scout Council

3910 Chestnut Street Wisconsin Rapids WI 54494 715-423-6360 FAX: 715-423-6362

Boy Scout Councils ≡

www.bsa.scouting.org

Bay Lakes Boy Scout Council

1650 Midway Road Box 516 Menasha WI 54952-0516 920-734-5705 FAX: 920-734-1991

Chippewa Valley Boy Scout Council

710 South Hastings Way Eau Claire WI 54701 715-832-6671 FAX: 715-832-6711

Four Lakes Boy Scout Council

34 Schroeder Court Madison WI 53711-2525 608-273-1005 FAX: 608-273-8686

Gateway Area Boy Scout Council

2600 Quarry Road LaCrosse WI 54601-3997 608-784-4040 FAX: 608-784-4047

Milwaukee County Boy Scout Council

330 South 84th Street Milwaukee WI 53214-1498 414-774-1776 FAX: 414-774-0342

Potawatomi Area Boy Scout Council

N 12 W 24498 Bluemound Road P. O. Box 528 Waukesha WI 53187 262-544-4881 FAX: 262-544-5357

Samoset Boy Scout Council

720 Grant Street Wausau WI 54401-4900 715-845-2195 FAX: 715-845-3828

Sinnissippi Boy Scout Council

2300 East Racine Street Janesville WI 53545 608-756-4669 FAX: 608-756-4676

Southeast Wisconsin Boy Scout Council

2319 Northwestern Avenue P. O. Box 4010 Racine WI 53404-2595 262-632-1655 FAX: 262-632-3596

Cost-Sharing

What it is and how it works

Most cost-share programs are administered by the federal government via the **Farm Services Agency (FSA)**. This agency administers federal cost-share programs such as the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) and the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP).

Technical assistance is offered through the **Natural Resource Conservation Service** (**NRCS**). The NRCS provides assistance with developing and completing conservation plans based on detailed soil surveys, site visits and/or wetland inventory maps. Plans can include land use and productivity, erosion control, wetland development or restoration and wildlife habitat. Most federal cost-share programs require a conservation plan and the professionals at the NRCS can help you develop one. The NRSC works hand-in-hand with Farm Services Agency and is usually located next door.

Other programs are administered by DNR, Land Conservation Departments and private conservation organizations. Be sure to ask your DNR staffer about other options.

The amount of an individual cost-share varies by program and from year to year. Generally, 50–75 percent of your actual cost, not to exceed a maximum amount, is reimbursed by the government *after* you complete the project. Though cost-share programs vary, they all share these characteristics:

- All cost-share programs are voluntary. You must apply to be considered.
- Foresters, wildlife biologists, other resource professionals, or experienced members of conservation organizations provide technical assistance to help you design and implement cost-share practices.
- You are responsible for habitat development work; you may do the work yourself or hire a consultant. After the project is complete, you must agree to maintain and protect the habitat work for a certain number of years. This agreement protects the investment of the cost-sharing agency or conservation organization.
- Programs rarely require that you allow public access to your property as a condition of costsharing. Cost-sharing helps provide additional wildlife habitat, not public access.

Finding the Right Program

\$Dollars for Wildlife

If you meet eligibility requirements, there are ways to provide habitat for wildlife and receive significant cost savings, often in the form of cost-sharing or tax credits. Cost-sharing is the most common type of financial incentive. Cost-sharing details are outlined on the previous page. Below you will find a list of primary cost-sharing programs, what they offer, and who runs them. For your convenience, the programs are categorized by habitat type.

- ✓ Wildlife Habitats

 Incentives Program
- ✓ Environmental Quality Incentives Program
- ✓ Conservation Reserve Program
- ✓ Stewardship Incentive Program
- ✓ Forestry Incentives
 Program
- ✓ Managed Forest Law

Cost-Share Programs by Habitat Type

Non-Farm Private Lands



Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP)

Provides cost-share dollars to landowners for habitat development projects that benefit upland wildlife, wetland wildlife, endangered species, fish, and other wildlife. This comprehensive new program is administered by the Farm Service Agency (FSA), a U. S. Department of Agriculture agency with offices located in your county seat.

Farmland



Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

Provides cost-sharing for approved practices that enhance soil and water quality. Includes streambank improvements and plantings that benefit wildlife. This new program is administered by the Farm Service Agency (FSA), a U. S. Department of Agriculture agency with offices located in your county seat.

Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)

Provides landowners an annual rent payment for taking highly erodable cropland and other land out of production for at least 10 years. Most land is planted with trees, grasses, or shrubs. There are ownership and cropping history requirements. This program is administered by the Farm Service Agency (FSA), a Department of Agriculture agency with offices located in your county seat.

Forests and Woodlands



Stewardship Incentive Program (SIP)

Provides cost-share dollars to landowner/tenants for a variety of forestry practices including wildlife management. Practices include prescribed burning, upland wildlife management, creating watering areas and wooded food plots, and much more. Contact your local DNR forester (see DNR offices on page 23) or contact the Bureau of Forestry. Ask about Forestry Facts No. 56, which explains this program in detail.

DNR-Bureau of Forestry Box 7921 Madison WI 53707 608-267-7494 FAX: 608-266-8576

Forestry Incentives Program (FIP)

Provides cost-share dollars for approved forestry practices on private lands located in major industrial forest counties.

Practices include tree planting, thinning, firelane construction and prescribed burning. Contact the DNR Bureau of Forestry (see address above) or the DNR forester in your county (see chart on page 23).

Managed Forest Law (MFL)

Provides a mechanism for reducing your property taxes by following a prescribed forest management plan. Plans may include practices that enhance wildlife habitat in addition to timber management. Contact the DNR Bureau of Forestry (see address above) or the DNR forester in your county (see chart on page 23).

Wetlands, Waterways and Grasslands



United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)

Provides technical assistance and cost-sharing programs for wetland restorations. This agency is administered by the U. S. Department of Interior. The USFWS has field offices in:

Green Bay920-465-7440 Ashland715-682-6185 Mayville920-387-2658 Madison608-221-1206 Necedah608-565-2551 Trempealeau ...608-539-2311 La Crosse608-783-8431

Priority Watershed Program

Provides technical assistance and cost-share dollars for wetland restoration, streambank improvement and planting permanent cover. To be eligible, your land must lie within a state designated "priority watershed." Contact your local DNR office (see chart on page 23) or the Land Conservation Department, with offices in your county seat, to find out if you can benefit from this program.

Wetland Reserve Program

Provides financial incentives for placing wetlands into long-term easements. This program targets farmed and drained wetlands with priority given to areas most likely to provide wetland benefits. Contact the Farm Services Agency office in your county for more information about this federal program.

Glacial Habitat Restoration Area (GHRA)

Provides financial and technical assistance to restore wetlands and grasslands in parts of Columbia, Dodge, Fond du Lac and Winnebago Counties. Contact the GHRA office for more information about this Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources program.

Glacial Habitat Restoration Area 1210 North Palmatory Street Horicon WI 53032 920-485-3011



 ${f O}$ rganizations that Help Wildlife $_{0}$

To help you find the information you need about a particular animal or habitat type, or simply to indulge your wildlife passion, we've compiled a list of some of the most popular organizations. Contact them. They'll be happy to send you information on membership and how they work to enhance wildlife.

American Nature Study Society

c/o Pocono Environmental Education Center RR 2, Box 1010 Dinghams Ferry PA 18328 570-828-9692

If you are looking for a more organized way to learn about the world around you, the American Nature Study Society may be for you. Established in 1908, this membership organization is dedicated to environmental education through workshops, meetings and field excursions. Contact them to find out more.

National Wildlife Federation (NWF)

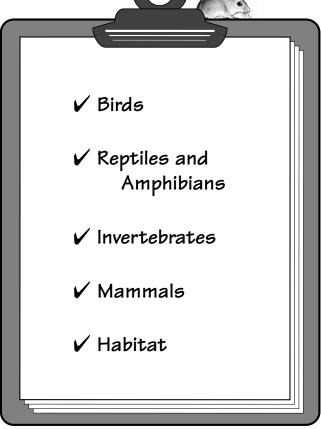
Wisconsin Chapter

242 Koeller Avenue Oshkosh WI 54901 1-800-897-4161 www.execpc.com/~wiwf

Headquarters

1400 Sixteenth Street, N.W. Washington DC 20036-2266 1-800-822-9919 (customer service) www.nwf.org

This national nonprofit organization strives to preserve all wildlife. The NWF is probably best known for its three popular publications, *National Wildlife*, *Ranger Rick*, and *Your Big Back Yard*. The Wisconsin chapter of the National Wildlife Federation works with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to enhance wildlife habitat and natural resources for the benefit of future generations. Youth education is a key component of the organization.





Bluebird Restoration Association of Wisconsin, Inc. (BRAW)

Route 1, Box 137 Akron Avenue Plainfield WI 54966 www.braw.org

BRAW's purpose is to monitor and increase the production of the eastern bluebird and other native cavity-nesting birds through a coordinated statewide nestbox and monitoring program. BRAW coordinates its bluebird recovery program through a network of volunteer county coordinators, workshops and meetings, and its official *Wisconsin Bluebird* newsletter.

Ducks Unlimited, Inc. (DU)

Regional Office

W8840 East Jason Drive Beaver Dam WI 53916 920-887-8972 www.ducks.org

Ducks Unlimited is responsible for the restoration and protection of millions of acres of wetlands in North America. DU is a membership organization with chapters located throughout Wisconsin. For the chapter nearest you, contact the regional office.

International Crane Foundation (ICF)

E-11376 Shady Lane Road Baraboo WI 53913 608-356-9462 www.savingcranes.org/

See the most complete collection of cranes in the world. Walk nearly three miles of trails through tallgrass prairie, wetlands and oak savannah restorations, or visit the education center, theater, and gift shop. All are open from the beginning of May to the end of October. In Baraboo and around the world. ICF concentrates on its five major program areas: education, research, habitat restoration and preservation, captive breeding, and reintroduction. They also sponsor the annual sandhill crane count each April.

LoonWatch

Sigurd Olson Environmental Institute Northland College Ashland WI 54806 715-682-1223 www.northland.edu/soei/

LoonWatch works to ensure that people and loons can coexist on the same lakes. They train Loon Rangers who protect and monitor loons on lakes; provide educational loon programs to school children and adults in the Upper Midwest; and conduct citizen-led loon surveys in Minnesota and Wisconsin.

National Audubon Society

Madison Office

222 South Hamilton Street, Suite 1 Madison WI 53703 608-255-2473 (BIRD) www.madisonaudubon.org

Milwaukee Office

12248 North Farmdale 99W Mequon WI 53092 414-238-9930

The mission of the National Audubon Society is to conserve and restore natural ecosytems, focusing on birds, other wildlife, and their habitats for the benefit of humanity and the earth's biological diversity. Contact the Madison office for their brochure entitled, *How to Attract Birds to Your Yard*. They also can provides the names, addresses and phone numbers of the 15 Wisconsin Audubon Chapters statewide. All chapters can assist members in the development of bird and wildlife identification skills, important for planning a wildlife landscape on private lands.

National Wild Turkey Federation

Wisconsin Chapter

Rt. 1, Box 108 Westby WI 54667 608-634-3886 www.nwtf.com

Museum

Wild Turkey Center P. O. Box 530 Edgefield SC 29824-0530 801-637-3106 800-THE-NWTF

Join this nationwide nonprofit organization and you'll help ensure the future of wild turkeys in Wisconsin and across the country. The Federation provides habitat conservation, educational workshops for private landowners, research, publications, and hunter education programs.

Pheasants Forever

W9947 Ghost Hill Road Beaver Dam WI 53916 920-927-3579 www.pheasantsforever.org

Pheasants forever is a nonprofit conservation organization dedicated to the protection and enhancement of pheasant and other wildlife populations in North America. This organization is involved with habitat improvement, public awareness and education, and land management that benefit farmers and wildlife alike. They publish several pamphlets for landowners on how to manage land for pheasants. They also conduct habitat restoration projects, including seed distribution

to landowners for food plot development. In addition, they educate the public and the legislature about the importance of maintaining pheasants and pheasant habitat.

Ruffed Grouse Society

P.O. Box 2 Rice Lake WI 54868 715-234-8302

The Ruffed Grouse Society is a national, nonprofit membership organization that offers workshops, on-site consultations, publications, education, and landowner assistance. Its mission is to increase numbers of ruffed grouse, American woodcock and other forest wildlife through state-of-theart habitat management techniques and habitat improvement projects.

Wings Over Wisconsin

P. O. Box 202 Mayville WI 53050 920-387-5198

This organization promotes wildlife habitat and wildlife restoration. Contact their office for a copy of their newsletter, a brochure entitled *Managing Your Land for Ring-Necked Pheasants*, and membership materials.

Wisconsin Society for Ornithology

W330 N8275 West Shore Drive Hartland WI 53029-9732 262-966-1072 www.uwgb.edu/birds/wso

Founded in 1939 "To encourage the study of Wisconsin Birds," this nonprofit organization has expanded its mission to include bird habitat preservation and management research, and to alert members and the public to situations and practices that threaten Wisconsin's bird populations. Call the birding hotline at 414-352-3857 for a recorded message of rare bird sightings and suggested prime birding spots. Wisconsin breeding bird atlas for breeding population information is at: www.uwgb.edu/birds/wbba

Wisconsin Waterfowl Association, Inc. (WWA)

131 West Broadway P. O. Box 792 Waukesha WI 53187-0792, 262-524-8460 1-800-524-8460 (WI only) FAX: 262-524-8807

www.wisducks.org

WWA is a nonprofit, membership organization dedicated to the improvement of Wisconsin's waterfowl and wetland resources. WWA assists landowners with wetland restorations and provides cost-sharing dollars for approved habitat restoration projects. They also provide plans for nest-boxes and seeds for wildlife food plots. Contact them for complete information.

Reptiles and Amphibians

Wisconsin Herpetology Society

Milwaukee Public Museum 800 West Wells St. Milwaukee WI 53233 414-278-2766 FAX: 414-278-6100 www.mpm.edu/collect/vertzo/herp/atlas/welcom.html

Looking for answers about Wisconsin's frogs, toads, turtles, salamanders and snakes? The Wisconsin Herpetology Society can help you get the facts about this often misunderstood group of animals.



The Xerces Society

4828 SE Hawthorne Blvd Portland OR 97215 503-232-6639 www.xerces.org

The Xerces Society is interested in the conservation of all invertebrates (creatures with no backbone like butterflies and other insects). Members of the Xerces are eligible to order the following at a discount:

Wings: Essays on Invertebrate
Conservation
Butterfly Gardening: Creating
Summer Magic in Your
Garden
Common Names of North
American Butterflies.
Nonmembers can order back
issues of Wings and purchase the

Mammals

other two publications in

bookstores.

Bat Conservation International (BCI)

P. O. Box 162603 Austin TX 78716 512-327-9721 www.batcon.org

BCI's purpose is to document and publicize the values and conservation needs of bats, to promote bat conservation projects, and to assist with management initiatives worldwide. Call them and they'll send you membership materials plus a catalog full of neat stuff like bat guano, books on how to build bat houses, bat detectors and bat jewelry that you can buy.

Timber Wolf AllianceTM (TWA)

Sigurd Olson Environmental Institute Northland College Ashland WI 54806 715-682-1490 www.northland.edu/soei

The mission of TWA is to promote public awareness of timber wolves and assist in achieving a sustainable population of wolves in the Great Lakes region through public education. The Alliance offers wolf workshops, an Adopt-a-Wolf-Pack© program, educational resources, and more. Contact them for more information.

Timber Wolf Information NetworkTM (TWIN)

East 110 Emmons Creek Rd. Waupaca WI 54981 715-258-7247 www.timberwolfinformation.org

TWIN's mission is to increase public awareness and acceptance of the wolf in its natural habitat and its ecological role in the environment. Contact them for information about membership, school and adult programs, educational resources, and their Adopt-a-Wolf Pack© program.

Whitetails Unlimited, Inc.

P. O. Box 720 1715 Rhode Island St. Sturgeon Bay WI 54235 920-743-6777 or 800-274-5471 FAX: 920-743-4658 www.whitetailsunlimited.org

This national nonprofit organization raises funds for educational programs; habitat conservation; and preservation of the hunting tradition for the direct benefit of white-tailed deer and other wildlife. A national magazine and other publications (some targeted specifically for private landowners) are benefits of memberships.

Habitat

National Gardening Association (NGA)

1100 Dorset Street South Burlington VT 05403 802-863-5251 FAX: 802-864-6889 www.garden.org

The NGA is the largest non-profit gardening organization in the country. Their mission is simply to help gardeners succeed. They do this through their *National Gardening* magazine, education, and outreach projects that reach around the globe. The magazine has featured articles on butterfly gardening and backyard wildlife.

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

4801 La Crosse Avenue Austin TX 78739 512-292-4200 FAX: 512-292-4627 www.wildflower.org

Provides **FactPacks** which includes an extensive recommended species list for the Midwest and wildlife gardening handouts. They also have fact sheets on how to propagate a variety of species. Call and ask for an order form. Members receive discounts.

The Nature Conservancy (TNC)

Wisconsin Chapter
633 West Main Street
Madison WI 53703
608-251-8140
www.nature.org/wisconsin
Memberships and donations to
TNC are used to purchase and
manage outstanding examples of
Wisconsin's native plant
communities and the wildlife that
inhabit them. They do not provide
direct services to landowners.

Wild Ones—Natural Landscapers, Ltd.

P. O. Box 23576 Milwaukee WI 53223-0576 www.for-wild.org

Central Wisconsin Chapter 715-384-8751 Door County Chapter 262-966-2021 Fox Valley Area Chapter 920-233-4853/920-730-3986 Green Bay Chapter 920-336-4992 Madison Chapter 608-274-6539 Menomonee River Area Chapter 262-251-7175/262-251-2185 Milwaukee North Chapter 414-299-9888 Milwaukee Southwest-Wehr Chapter 414-299-9888 Root River Area Chapter 414-382-6415

Wild Ones is a nonprofit organization that can help you develop backyard landscaping plans that use native species of trees, shrubs, wildflowers and prairie grasses. See web site for contact names and meeting information.

Wisconsin Prairie Enthusiasts

P. O. Box 112 Boscobel WI 54805 608-375-5271 www. The Prairie Enthusiasts.orgA nonprofit membership organization of persons interested in identifying, protecting and managing native prairies. They sell a variety of prairie seeds and can collect specific species if contacted ahead of time. They can also provide consultation and management services, including prescribed burning. Members may become active in a wide range of prairie surveys, management,

restoration and education projects.

Wisconsin Wetlands Association

222 South Hamilton Street, Suite 1 Madison WI 53703 608-250-9971 www.wisc.wetlands.org

This nonprofit, membership organization is devoted to the protection and preservation of Wisconsin's wetland resources. It does this in part through its newsletter, wetland education programs and services, monthly meetings and by coordinating a network of volunteers who monitor wetlands. They do not provide direct services to landowners.

Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association

P. O. Box 285 Stevens Point WI 54481 715-346-4798 FAX: 715-346-3624 www.wisconsinwoodlands.org

sin's woodlands.

This nonprofit membership organization strives to advance the interests of woodland owners and the cause of forestry; develop public appreciation for the value of woodlands; foster and encourage wise use and management of Wisconsin's woodlands for timber production, wildlife habitat and recreation; and to educate those interested in managing Wiscon-



Finding the Right Thing to Plant

Native Nurseries and Landscape Consultants

Choosing the right plants is a lot of fun. The following list should help you find the seed or plant source that carries the product you need. As always, choose a seed and plant source that is near your property. This will increase your chances of success. **Putting Pen to Paper** in this *Wildlife and Your Land Series* discusses the benefits of planting trees and grasses native to your area. A number of nurseries also provide landscaping and consultation services.

Know What You're Buying

Most of the nurseries in the following chart sell trees, shrubs and seeds that are native to Wisconsin. Native species provide the best possible habitat for wildlife, survive the best in Wisconsin's climate and enhance the environment (see map of Wisconsin ecoregions, page 15). If you choose a nonnative species, make sure it can withstand Wisconsin's severe winter weather and will not invade native habitats. Know what you're buying.

Also, some plants are "nursery-propagated" while others are collected from the wild. This list tells you if plants are wild-collected, if known. If a nursery cannot tell you the source of their plants, they may have been collected from the wild. Collecting non-threatened and non-endangered plants from the wild is a legal practice on private lands, but some people question whether this is the best way to acquire plants. If you want nursery-propagated plants or seed obtained from local sources, don't assume anything. Ask the



grower. Keep in mind that seeds and plants propagated near your planting site will be best adapted to your climate and soil conditions.

When purchasing seed of native species, it is important to buy seed on a Pure Live Seed (PLS) weight basis. This assures that the buyer receives the specified amount of viable seed purchased regardless of the quality of the seed lot shipped. The % PLS for an individual seed lot is calculated by multiplying the germination percent by the purity percent. The % PLS for a seed lot is used to calculate the quantity of bulk seed equivalent to the quantity of seed ordered based on 100% PLS.

Example:

If a seed lot germinated 80% and has a purity of 90%, then the amount of bulk seed equivalent required to fill a 10 lb. order based on 100% PLS would be calculated as follows:

10 lbs. (PLS) $/(0.80 \times 0.90) = 13.88$ lbs. (bulk seed)

When buying seed on a PLS basis, the quantity of seed received will always be greater than the quantity of viable seed ordered.

There are three levels of native species seed sold in the marketplace:

1 • Source Identified Certified Seed

This is cleaned seed which has been verified for origin and quality by a third party.

In Wisconsin, the origin (native and nursery production sites) and the germination and purity of "source identified" seed lots meet published Wisconsin Seed Certification standards. The seed fields have been

inspected and the cleaned seed lots tested by the Wisconsin Crop Improvement Association (WCIA), the state-designated official seed certifying agency for Wisconsin.

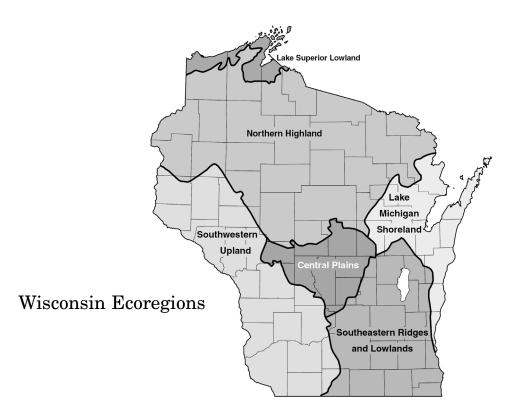
Seed is labeled with an official yellow WCIA "Source Identified" Certified seed tag. Species, germination, purity and origin are listed on the Certified seed tag.

2 • Uncertified Cleaned and Tested Seed

Seed which is not third party verified but has been cleaned and tested for germination and purity in a seed laboratory. Seed is labeled for species, germination, purity and origin on the seller's tag or document.

3 • Untested Seed (Cleaned or Uncleaned)

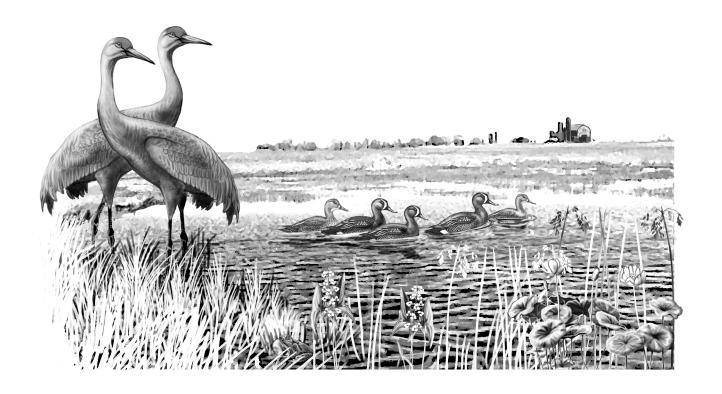
Seed which is not third-party verified and which was not tested for quality in a seed laboratory. Seed is labeled for origin and species on the seller's tag or document.





Note: The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources does not endorse any of the vendors listed. Call 608-267-5066 for revisions and additions to the list, or send to:

Native Plant List DNR–Bureau of Endangered Resources P. O. Box 7921 Madison WI 53707



	Stock A	Stock Available		Habitat Type	Other Services		
Nursery	Seeds	Plants	Prairie	Wetland	Woodland	Consultation	Landscape Installation
Agrecol/Wild Attractions 2918 Agriculture Drive Madison WI 53718 608-226-2544 www.agrecol.com Minimum 1 oz seed order.	000	SU		\ /	*		
Aquatic Resources and Glacial Pond Farms N4546 Butternut Lane Birnamwood WI 715-449-2182 Also does design and restoration of native habitats of any size. Call ahead and tell them what you need.	200		* P	\ //	*		•
Bluestem Farm S5920 Lehman Road Baraboo WI 53913 608-356-0179 Mail order of prairie seed. Custom propagation of difficult species, including orchids.	200	\$113		\ /	*		
Bobolink Farm 18284 Doyle Road Blue River WI 53518 608-537-2366 bobolink@mwt.net	200		The state of the s	\ //			
Booming Native Plants Common Place Farm 2323 County Road 6 Barnum MN 53707 218-389-3220				W /			
Branch River Trout Hatchery 8150 River Road Greenleaf WI 54126 920-864-7761 866-687-9463 www.branchriverfarms.com	200			W /	*		
Cascade Forest Nursery 21995 Fillmore Road Cascade IA 52033 563-852-3042 1-800-596-9437 www.cascadeforestry.com	000				*		
Cedar Creek Seed Farm 26619 Washington Avenue Waterford WI 53185 1-888-313-6807	000			\ //			
Deltor Tree Farm Box 6 County P Plainfield WI 54966 715-335-4444					*		
Earthskin Nursery 9331 NCR 3800E Mason City IL 62664 (no phone)	000						
Evergreen Nursery Co., Inc. 5027 County TT Sturgeon Bay WI 54235 414-743-4464					*		

	Stock Available		I	Habitat Type	Other Services		
Nursery	Seeds	Plants	Prairie	Wetland	Woodland	Consultation	Landscape Installation
Feder's Prairie Seed Company 12871 380th Avenue Blue Earth MN 56013 507-526-3049	000						
Gordon Farms Seed Company 1421A County Road 29900N Rantoul IL 61886 (no phone)	000			W/			
Great Lakes Nursery Co. 1002 Hamilton Street Wausau WI 54403 715-845-7752 1-88-733-3569 www.greatlakesnursery.com Grows select native seedlings and transplants of northern trees, shrubs and herbaceous plants.	20 _©		Nyt	\ /	*		
Hauser's Superior View Farm Route 1, Box 199 Bayfield WI 54814 715-779-5404 Large selection of northern grown perennials and biennials, a few of which are native to Wisconsin. Minimum order of \$25.00.			N/Y	\ /	*		
Ion Exchange 1878 Old Mission Drive Harpers Ferry IA 52146 319-535-7231 FAX: 319-535-7362 www.ionexchange.com Specializes in prairie, wetland and savanna seed and plants native to the driftless area of Wisconsin, Illinois and lowa.	200	€		\ /	*		
Itasca Greenhouse, Inc. Old State Highway 6 P. O. Box 273 Cohasset MN 55721 1-800-538-8733 www.itascagreenhouse.com					*		
J&J Transplant Aquatic Nursery W 4980 County Road W Wild Rose WI 54984 1-800-622-5055 715-256-0059 Specializes in wild-collected aquatic plants and some woodland species. Some seed available. Custom order and brochure available.	200	S	N. P. C.	11/	*		
Johnson's Nursery W180 N6275 Marcy Road Menomonee Falls WI 53051 414-252-4988 www.johnsonnursery.com Growers of a wide selection of balled and burlapped landscape plants. Among this diverse selection includes many native trees, shrubs and vines.			1 Pr	\ /	*		•
Kettle Moraine Natural Landscaping W996 Birchwood Drive Campbellsport WI 53010 920-533-8939 Seed and consulting for prairie restoration.	200		The state of the s				

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Nursery	Seeds	Plants	Prairie	Wetland	Woodland	Consultation	Landscape Installation
Midwest Prairies N1020 Vinniehaha Road Fort Atkinson WI 53538 Seeds, plants, prairie consulting, and landscape.	000						
Murn Environmental, Inc. 2707 East Philbower Road Beloit WI 53511 608-362-6449 www.murn.com Carries seed for wetland, woodland, and forest species. Also restoration, design, planting, management and research.	000		t like	\ //	*		6
Oak Prairie Farm W4642 Highway 33 Pardeeville WI 53954 608-429-3882 1-800-429-3882 www.costomcare@oakprairiefarm.com	000				*		•
Pecasugar Nursery 13002 Harrison Road P. O. Box 22 Shirland IL 61079 815-629-2165 www.pecasugar.com					*		
Prairie Enthusiasts 4192 Sleepy Hollow Trail Boscobel WI 53805 www.prairie.pressenter.com							
Prairie Hill Wildflowers 8955 Lemond Road Ellendale MN 56026 507-451-7791	200			\ //			
Prairie Moon Nursery Route 3, Box 1633 Winona MN 55987 507-452-1362 www.prairiemoonnursery.com Seed and plants of over 200 native prairie, wetland and woodland plants derived from western Wisconsin, southeast Minnesota and northern Illinois.	200			\ /			
Prairie Restorations, Inc. P. O. Box 327 Princeton MN 55371 1-800-837-5986 612-389-4342 (office) 612-389-5733 (nursery) www.prairieresto.com Specializes in restoration and maintenance of prairies. Prairie plants sold by mail order or at their nursery northwest of Minneapolis.	200	\$100 mg	N. P. T.	11/	*		•
Prairie Ridge Nursery RR 2 9738 Overland Road Mt. Horeb WI 53572-2832 608-437-5245 www.prairieridgenursery.com Prairie, wetland and woodland seeds and plants. Also consulting, planning, planting and management services.	000		W/	\ /	*		6

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Nursery	Seeds	Plants	Prairie	Wetland	Woodland	Consultation	Landscape Installation
R-8 Landscape 1337 South 114th Street West Allis WI 53214-2235 414-771-3392 Design, consultation, planting and management of natural landscapes.							6
Reeseville Ridge Nursery 512 South Main Street Reeseville WI 53579 920-927-3291 Deals mainly with native trees and shrubs. Specializes in custom propagation of woody plants.				W /	*		
Retzer Nature Center W284 S1530 Road DT Waukesha WI 53188 262-896-8007 Supplies native prairie, woodland and wetland plants and seeds for sites within 50 miles of the Waukesha County line. Specializes in prairie mixes. Provides technical assistance on restoration projects.	200			\ /	*		
Rohde's Nursery N8098 Duck Creek Avenue Neshkoro WI 54960 414-293-4373 Woodland, wetland and prairie plants. Complete design service along with the ability to install and/or build any size project, as well as help with consultation and restoration.				\ /	*		6
S & S Wildflowers W4401 State Road 33 Pardeeville WI 53954 Seeds and plants of prairie, wetland, and woodland species.	000		W.	\ //	*		
Savanna Springs Nursery W4634 Richland Road Monroe WI 53566 608-328-2300 www.savannasprings.com	200			W /	*		6
Shady Acres Perennial Nursery, Inc. 5725 South Martin Road New Berlin WI 53146 262-679-1610 Retails some native plants (including aquatics), herbs, perennials, vines and provides garden design service.				W /	*		
Shooting Star Native Seed Highway 14 West and County Road 33 P. O. Box 648 Spring Grove MN 55974 507-498-3944 www.shootingstamativeseed.com	000			W /			
Steve Kaufer N3615 County Road C Ellsworth WI 54011 Supplies prairie seeds and plants as well as consultation.	200		W.				

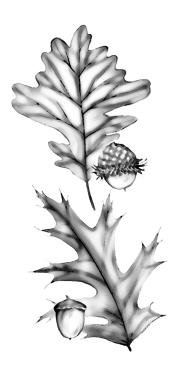
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Nursery	Seeds	Plants	Prairie	Wetland	Woodland	Consultation	Landscape Installation	
Tallgrass Nursery 2705 11th Avenue Monroe, WI 53566 Supplies prairie and wetland seeds	200			W /				
The Natural Garden 28 W443 Highway 64 St. Charles, IL 60715 708-584-0150 Native and non-native wetland, prairie and woodland plants plus landscape design and construction.	000			\	*			
Wehr Nature Center 9107 West College Avenue Franklin WI 53132 414-425-8550 Provides persons in southeastern Wisconsin with prairie seeds and instructions for small scale prairie gardening.	000				*			
Wildlife Habitat Route 3, P. O. Box 178 Owatonnaia, MN 55060 Supplies prairie seeds	200		* Wy					
Wildflowers from Nature's Way Dorothy Baringer RR 1 Box 62 Woodburn IA 50275 515-342-6246 Specializes in prairie wildflower and grass seed mixes all from lowa source plants. Also some woodland wildflowers.	000	2023			*		•	
Wood's Edge 532 Stanek Road Muscoda WI 53573 608-739-3527 Woodland wildflowers grown from seed from northeastern Grant County. Prefer to sell plants or bare root stock. Limited selection.	200				*			

DNR Nurseries



Bulk quantities of common trees and wildlife shrubs are available at reasonable costs. Orders filled on a first-come, first-served basis with new order forms available in October each year. Hurry, supplies go fast. For an order form, contact the nursery directly or the DNR–Bureau of Forestry, P. O. Box 7921, Madison WI 53707, 608-267-7494

DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES	Stock	Stock Available		Habitat Types			Other Services	
Nursery	Seeds	Plants	Prairie	Wetland	Woodland	Consultation	Landscape Installation	
Griffith Nursery 711 Nepco Lake Rd. Wisconsin Rapids WI 54494 715-424-3700					*			
Hayward Nursery Rt. 8, P. O. Box 8213 Hayward WI 54843 715-634-2717		2023			*			
Wilson Nursery 5350 Hwy. 133E Boscobel WI 53805 608-375-4123					*			



Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Offices and Phone Numbers

The DNR has many offices and customer service centers across the state. Typically there is a wildlife manager and forester assigned to each of the offices listed below. In the few instances where this isn't true, you will be given the name and number of the proper person. The best times to ask management questions is in the winter. During Wisconsin's precious few warm months, field personnel can be difficult to reach.

Ashland

2501 Golf Course Road Ashland WI 54806 715-685-2900

Barron

1241 2nd Avenue Box 397 Cumberland WI 54829 715-822-3590

Brown

1125 N. Military Avenue Box 104488 Green Bay WI 54307 920-492-5800 Ext 4

Columbia

W7303 County Highway CS Poynette WI 53944 608-635-8110

Dane

3911 Fish Hatchery Road Fitchburg WI 53711 608-275-3266

Dodge

N7725 Highway 28 Horicon WI 53032 920-387-7860

Door

110 S. Neenah Avenue Sturgeon Bay WI 54235, 608-746-2860

Douglas

6250 S. Ranger Road Brule WI 54820 715-392-7988

Douglas

1705 Tower Avenue Superior WI 54880 715-392-7988

Eau Claire

1300 W. Clairemont Avenue Box 4001 Eau Claire WI 54702 715-839-3700

Fond du Lac

(Kettle Moraine State Forest: North) N1765 Highway G Cambellsport WI 54702 715-626-2116

Iowa

1500 North Johns Street Dodgeville WI 53533 608-935-3368

Jackson

910 Highway 54 E Black River Falls WI 54615 715-284-1400

LaCrosse

3550 Mormon Coulee Road Room 104 LaCrosse WI 54601 608-785-9000

Langlade

1635 Neva Road Box 310 Antigo WI 54409 715-627-4317

Marathon

5301 Rib Mountain Road Wausau WI 54401 715-359-4522

Marinette

101 N Ogden Road Box 208 Peshtigo WI 54157 715-582-5000

Milwaukee

2300 N. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. Box 12436 Milwaukee WI 53212 414-263-8500

Oneida

107 Sutliff Avenue Rhinelander WI 54501 715-365-8900

Oneida

8770 Highway J Woodruff WI 54568 715-356-5211

Price

875 S. 4th Avenue Box 220 Park Falls WI 54552 715-762-3204

Racine

9531 Rayne Road Suite 4 Sturtevant WI 53177 262-884-2300

Rock

2514 Morse Street Janesville WI 53545 608-743-4800

Rusk

N4103 Highway 27 Ladysmith WI 54848 715-532-3911

St. Croix

990 Hillcrest Suite 104 Baldwin WI 54002 715-684-2914

Sawver

10220 N. Highway 27 Box 2003 Hayward WI 54843 715-634-2688

Sheboygan

W5750 Woodchuck Lane Box 408 Plymouth WI 53073 920-892-8756

Washington

Pike Lake State Park 3544 Kettle Moraine Road Hartford WI 53027 920-892-8756

Waukesha

(Kettle Moraine State Forest: South) S91 W39091 Highway 59 Box 70 Eagle WI 53119 262-594-6200

Waukesha

407 Pilot Court Waukesha WI 53188 262-574-2100

Wood

473 Griffith Street Wisconsin Rapids WI 54494 715-421-7800

Winnebago

625 E. County Road Y Suite 700 Oshkosh WI 54901 920-424-3050

Waushara

427 W. Tower Drive Suite 100 Wautoma WI 54982 920-787-4686

Washburn

810 W. Maple Street Spooner WI 54801 715-635-2101

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